GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointment of the Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) was delayed and a bureaucrat was given charge of the Chairman;

(b) if so, the date on which the post fell vacant;

(c) the reason for delay in the appointment of the new Chairman; and

(d) the steps are being taken for the selection of the new Chairman?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. Prompt action was taken by the Government in the matter. The Government initiated action for filling the post well in advance. The post fell vacant on 04.02.2007 consequent upon completion of tenure of 3 years of the previous Chairman Prof. D.N.Tripathi. As no suitable person was identified by February 4, 2007, Shri K. M. Acharya, Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education, was appointed as Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) with effect from February 5, 2007 purely as a temporary measure, as has been the past practice, in the interest of work at the organization.

(d) The Government have nominated Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya as Chairman of ICHR vide notification dated March 2, 2007, and he has assumed the charge of the post of Chairman with effect from March 3, 2007.